

respondents agreed or strongly agreed while only 9.2% disagreed or strongly disagreed.

The policy and implementation strategies which follow represent the first developed by the Town with respect to this land use issue.

#### POLICY

The Town supports retaining existing vegetation on lots and parcels to the extent practicable. The Town supports regulations to require preservation of existing vegetation.

#### IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY

The Town will study regulations to require vegetative surveys and the design of lots and location of buildings on lots to retain existing vegetation as much as possible.

### **F. Public Education and Citizen Participation**

#### BACKGROUND

Rule 0.215 - Public Participation, Subchapter 7B, of the North Carolina Administrative Code(March 5, 1996) requires localities to:

...employ a variety of educational efforts and participation techniques to assure that all segments of the community have a full and adequate opportunity to be informed and to effectively participate in planning decision-making.

The Board of Commissioners adopted a citizen participation plan designed to give the public an opportunity to voice its views on all required policy items throughout the 1997 Town of Kill Devil Land Use Plan Update. Several public education and citizen participation strategies were to be used by the Town to accomplish this objective and thus fulfill legal requirements. The Town Planning Board was designated as the principal local board responsible for supervision of the 1997 Town of Kill Devil Hills Land Use Plan Update. The Public Education and Citizen Participation Plan is included as APPENDIX 2.

Citizen participation in the planning process promotes public education regarding land use issues, policy development, and regulatory procedures. The Town proceeds from this premise, thereby furthering public education on planning issues while obtaining citizen